



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 22, 2004

S. 180

National Aviation Heritage Area Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 16, 2004*

S. 180 would establish the National Aviation Heritage Area (NHA) in Ohio. The bill would designate the Aviation Heritage Foundation as the management entity for the proposed NHA. Under the bill, the foundation would develop a management plan to provide for the protection, development, and management of cultural and other resources of the NHA. The Department of the Interior (DOI) would provide technical and financial assistance to the foundation for developing and implementing that plan. For these purposes, the legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually. Finally, S. 180 would require DOI to complete a special resource study on alternatives for incorporating the Wright Company factory within the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Ohio.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 180 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area. Additionally, we estimate that conducting the special resource study on the Wright Company factory would cost less than \$200,000 over the next three years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting S. 180 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

S. 180 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 10, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 280, the National Aviation Heritage Area Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003. The two versions of the legislation are very similar, and their estimated costs are identical.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.